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Honorable John B. Breaux
United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-1803

Dear Senator Breaux:

This is in response to your letter of June 4, 1993, addressing personal communications service (PCS). Your constituent, a cellular licensee in Vermillion Parish, requests that cellular licensees be permitted to participate in providing PCS to their customers, particularly in rural areas.

On July 16, 1992, the Commission adopted a series of proposals that would establish a regulatory framework to govern provision of narrowband (900 MHz) and wideband (2 GHz) PCS (GEN Docket No. 90-314 and ET Docket No. 92-100). Narrowband PCS could include advanced voice paging, two-way acknowledgement paging, data messaging, electronic mail, and facsimile transmission. Wideband PCS could include, in addition to the above, voice telephone services and wide band data services. The Commission requested public comment on whether cellular licensees should be eligible to provide PCS within their respective service areas and what impact this would have on competition. A copy of the Commission's proposals, which address the status of cellular licensees at paragraphs 63-70, is enclosed.

On June 24, 1993, the Commission adopted a Report and Order which addressed narrowband PCS issues. A copy of the press release is enclosed. The Commission concluded that it is appropriate to allow cellular licensees to participate in the provision of narrowband PCS without restriction.

I anticipate that the Commission will address the wideband PCS issues later this year. Please be assured that your

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constituent's concerns will be taken into account before a final decision is made, and for that purpose, I am placing a copy of his letter in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Landa

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Ms. Lauren J. Belzin
Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission, Room 808
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belzin:

I have been contacted by several constituents
regarding their efforts to provide Personal
Communications Service in Vermillion Parish, Louisiana.

Please investigate the enclosed information sent
to me and provide me with a report. Your reply may be

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SENATOR JOHN BREAU
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

May 6, 1993

Honorable Senator John Breau
500 Camp Straight
Suite 1005
New Orleans, La. 70130

Dear Senator John Breau:

Personal Communications Service (PCS) will bring a new dimension to the way we communicate. PCS has more flexibility and mobility that brings advanced data capabilities to everyone, every place in the nation.

It is important to the public in Vermilion Parish and to us to be able to provide PCS. We were granted a Cellular license September 4, 1990 for Vermilion Parish, a rural area. We started providing that service as soon as November 6th of the same year. One of the first rural areas to turn up its system. As of this date, there is no competitors cell site in our rural area. Therefore, if we are not allowed to participate in PCS, the people of Vermilion Parish may not have access to this service for sometime to come. We are knowledgeable, and financially capable of providing these services in an expedited manner. We believe our customers would best be served by open entry and full competition, where all financially and technological qualified players are eligible.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Breux:

Personal Communications Service (PCS) is the next generation of communication that provides flexibility, mobility and advanced data capabilities to everyone. Industry experts expect (PCS) to